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SUMMARY. IN ARTICLE, PROBABLY INSPIRED BY GOE, AKHAR SAA
REPORTS "SHARP DIVISION" WITHIN PLO BECAUSE OF TEL AVIV
RAID. ABU IYAD NOW BEING INVESTIGATED AS MASTERMIND OF
OPERATION WHICH WORKED "AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE".
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"PALESTINIAN SOURCES" STATE IN ARTICLE THAT SOVIET
UNION, ARAB STATES, AND EVEN ARAFAT WERE NOT INFORMED
OF OPERATION BEFOREHAND AND ARAFAT SUPPOSEDLY HAD
"HEATED ARGUMENT" WITH ABU IYAD. GOE HANDS-OFF POLICY
THUS JUSTIFIED. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 12 ISSUE OF WEEKLY AKHAR SAA HAS ARTICLE

ENTITLED "WAS TEL AVIV OPERATION CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ARAFAT'S APPROVAL". "PALESTINIAN SOURCES" (PRESUMABLY IN CAIRO) SAY THERE NOW "SECRET INVESTIGATION" OF TEL AVIV OPERATION, WHICH WAS "MASTERMINDED BY ABU IYAD", TO ASSESS CONSEQUENCES OF OPERATION. ARTICLE DEPICTS "SHARP DIVISION" WITHIN PLO SINCE ACTION HAD WORKED "AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE". PALESTINIAN SOURCES OBSERVED THAT, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS PRACTICE, NEITHER KEY ARAB STATES (INCLUDING REJECTIONISTS, WHO WERE NOT TO BE TRUSTED), THE SOVIET UNION NOR ARAFAT HIMSELF WERE INFORMED OF RAID BEFOREHAND AND THEREFORE "NECESSARY MEASURES COULD NOT BE TAKEN AGAINST EXPECTED ISRAELI REACTION." ARAFAT REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED "RESENTMENT AND DISAPPROVAL" AT CLOSED MEETING AND A "HEATED ARGUMENT" TOOK PLACE BETWEEN HIM AND ABU IYAD.

2. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE PORTRAYS TEL AVIV RAID AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR PLO IN WAY GOE LEADERS PREFER TO SEE IT, I.E., AN ILL-CONSIDERED ACTION ENGINEERED BY ABU IYAD THAT HAS HURT PALESTINIAN CAUSE. EGYPT'S HANDS-OFF POLICY THUS JUSTIFIED. EILTS

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